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Application No: GB 0218865.4

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Claims searched: 1 - 28

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X, E	1, 5, 10 & 17	GB2374001 A (LEAR) See Figs & abstract

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X Document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step	A Document indicating technological background and/or state of the art
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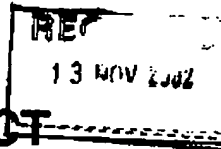
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Applicant's or agent's file reference
201-0490W0/RMF

FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.
PCT/GB 02/03754

International filing date
(day/month/year) 14/08/2002

Applicant

FORD GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

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☐ contained in the international application in written form.

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☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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5. With regard to the abstract,

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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

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☐ None of the figures.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No.

PCT/GB 02/03754

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 B60N2/30 B60N2/36

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 B60N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2 956 837 A (HANS OTTO KOPLIN) 18 October 1960 (1960-10-18)	1,10-12, 14,17, 18,25
A	the whole document	5-9,13, 15,16, 19-21
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A	GB 2 355 180 A (BAYERISCHE MOTOREN WERKE AG) 18 April 2001 (2001-04-18) abstract; claims 1,8,9; figures 1-4 --- -/--	1,5-16, 25

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